

AMA-CHEWER

PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB INC.

FEB. MARCH 1956

PROGRAMS

March 23rd



DEADLINE

DEADLINE



April 13th Business meeting of the club.

1956 CLUB OFFICERS

| | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------|
| President | Don McFarling | W9AWN | 2921 Highwoods Drive |
| Vice President | Cliff Singer | W9SWD | RR 11, Box 246 |
| Secretary | Claude Richie | W9TKV | 1854 N. Delaware |
| Treasurer | Paul Beckerich | W9SUN | 2222 Broadway |
| Chief Operator | John Jones | W9FZW | 3339 Robson |
| Director | Guy Oakes | W9UQW | RR 4 Noblesville, Ind. |
| Director | Henry Peterson | W9ZRK | 4423 Longworth-Lawrence |

Contact the above club officers for information about club activities, give them suggestions for club functions, etc. They want to serve you and the club so that a bigger and better club will result.

AMACHEWER

Several meetings concerning the future of the Indianapolis Radio Club paper AMACHEWER have been held the past month as well as discussion at club at the business meetings. Prices were secured to see what a printed sheet would cost and the figure of \$120 for 500 copies was deemed too high to enable the club to support even with advertising. As a result the paper will continue for the present with the mimeographed form as has been done in the past. One change which should make the paper still more interesting is the selection of item editors who will turn in items in their field. By this means there should be material that the new editor of the paper can edit and make a paper up that will cover a lot more territory. In this respect other club's who have no paper will be represented in Amachewer with a contributor from that club turning in its news item to be included in Amachewer. Another will turn in doings on the VHF bands, another items heard on the other bands as well as activities taking place there. If things work out well there should be plenty to read and all will be benefited by the one paper.

No doubt the new editor will have a new format and makeup of the paper so that it will be even more attractive along with its more complete coverage. You can help these new contributors by seeing that they get information concerning your doings. Help them.

It is well worth a try to see if a more widely distributed paper as well as one covering more of the area cannot get more interested in club activities so that we can pull together.

XYL'S TO ORGANIZE

ATTENTION ALL XYL'S OF MARION COUNTY. We are organizing a club of our own and all who would be interested in helping out and joining us along these lines are asked to contact- Butch Singer, FL 7 1596; Linda McFarling WA 6 2770; or Catherine Caskey LI 6 3089.

OLD TIMERS NIGHT

As all who attended old timers night Jan 27th well know there was quite a turn out and to say the least everyone enjoyed themselves by recalling old times and meeting fellows who they had not seen for some time. The general comment has been, why not do it more often. Perhaps one reason might be the cost. The club spent \$82.27 to put on this affair so to get the turn out that we had at this meeting it would take some financial help to hold it more often. A larger membership in the club could be the means, both for the finances and by attending meetings regularly you are meeting those that you are unable to see in any otherway. We would welcome your membership in the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. and the club hopes to hold another old-timers night in the not too distant future. By the way pictures taken at that meeting can be ordered from the club secretary for \$1 each, about 3 week delivery.

NEW ARRIVAL

Ron Williams W9JVF, wasn't passing out "Segars" because of the expense but he wishes to announce that his Wife Millie has just presented him his fifth youngster, yes, another girl, Ruth Elizabeth. Congrats.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE General Electric PR-1 exposure meter, like new, with case and incident light attachment. Reasonable, make offer. John Lee, W9GRE, LI-7-3979.

FOR SALE-'54 Buick hardtop. White side wall tires, BC rcvr and heater. Only 20,000 miles. Installed in this car is an Elmac AF67 transmitter Elmac rcvr, power supplies for both. Complete Vaaro antenna and mike. Car and rig in excellent condition and ready to drive and operate. Can be bought for nothing down. Contact Ron Williams, W9JVF, ME-6-2428 office, TW-4-7864 home.

PICNIC SCHEDULES

I.R.C.C. picnic at Fort Wayne on July 15th.

Madison Amateur Radio Club picnic is scheduled for May 27th at Clifty Falls State Park.

Tri-State Amateur Radio Club Picnic will be in Evansville on August 26th.

INDIANA RADIO CLUB COUNCIL

I.R.C.C. meeting in Indianapolis on April 15th at the New Park Board Bldg., 29th and Harding Streets. Registration 9:45 A.M. EST. Informal discussion and committee meetings 10:30 to noon. Luncheon in the same building by reservation \$2.00 per plate. Reservations for lunch to be made to Cliff Singer, W9SWD by phone FL-7-1596, by U.S. Mail to R. R. #11, Box 185, Indianapolis or by IFN or QIN no later than April 11th. business session 1:30. Foundation plans for getting license plate fee reduced. Progress and development of State RACES Plan will be discussed. SEE YOU THERE.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Robert Annis 212 E. 11th St. ex 9CUD; Frank Black, WN9MNA, 1117 S. Richland; Clair Gould W9AQQ 2504 Endsley Drive; Glenn Anderson Jr., KN9BZR, 2024 N. LaSalle St.

3
CONTRIBUTED.

Following section of the paper has been turned in by correspondents. Credit lines are given following each and while it is not too well organized at present it is hoped that this editor gives full credit to the right person and that they will continue to help the next editor of our paper. Thank you ever so much for the fine copy that has been turned in at the present time and on such short notice.

SPLATTER

by

Butch Singer

When the tornado hit in Marion and left telephone service out, communications between Indianapolis Civil Defense Headquarters and Marion was handled by Amateur Radio.

During a recent illness of their mother, W9UQV, Bill Konold and his brother Doc, K6AHL in Santa Monica...were able to set up a sked and talk with their mother via amateur radio and phone patch. Three way conversation that meant much to the sons and gave cheer and encouragement to their aged mother.

W9QN, Fred Collins, an old timer from Des Plaines, Ill. ticket since Dec. 19, 1912 recently visited several Hoosier hams and was entertained in Indianapolis by W9VNV, Charlie Mitten.

WN9SRT, Al Larson and son, Don WN9SRU are driving to Chicago to take their general examination on March 16th. GUD LUK.

During the M S Telerama in Indianapolis a pledge from the Christian Church in Onward was handled by amateur radio. Telephone service in Onward was out.

Eagle Scout Eric Albrecht has received his novice ticket. KN9CKN.

Hank Pererson, W9ZRK is still cooling his heels waiting for his NC-183D to be returned from the factory.

A newly licensed ham is Walter Fish, KN9CJQ; incidently, Walt takes code by typewriter.

W9UQW, Guy Oakes has moved, his new QTH is RR 4 Noblesville, Ind.

Your net control station each Sunday on 3910, the Indiana Fone Net is Ron Williams, W9JVF.

W9EQO, Hank Zimmerman, his XYL Thelma, W9JYO, both of Noblesville ans W9SWD and XYL attended the Fort Wayne Amateur Radio Club 34th Anniversary dinner. All reported a wonderful time.

A new ham in our midst is KN9BSU, Bob Spanuth. He has a new SX100 Hallicrafter receiver to start operations. What did you use????

During "Operations Good Neighbor" in Evansville when patients were moved along with equipment to a new hospital by volunteers, the communications system on each of the new buildings six floors was manned and operated by Tri-State Amateur Relay League and Civil Defense workers.

Gus Nonweiler is anxiously waiting for novice ticket to arrive. He is ready for business with a SC100, a Viking Ranger and a short all band antenna.

W9AQQ, Clair Gould has a new QTH on the south side. Wonder if 2504 Emsley Drive has plenty of antenna space.

Your Net Control Station each Tuesday night on IFN is W9SWD, Cliff Singer. He has OPS and SN certificates.

K2KQY, Bill Bower recently moved here from New Jersey. Welcome Bill, hope to hear you on the air soon. (Drop on out to club too.)

W9MHP, Don Litwiler has new 5 over 5 beam on 6 meter AM. Reports working a regular sked with Dayton, Ohio.

W9ZKX, Bill Nelson is State RACES Radio Officer. Bill is also alternate Net Control Station on the IFN on Wednesday nights. W9SWD, Cliff Singer is Assistant State RACES Radio Officer.

Your State RACES Staff are W9PAS, W9ZHL, W9IHO, W9QYQ, W9ZKX, W9TT, and W9SWD. The last three are in Indianapolis, Ind.

ATTENTION ALL MARION COUNTY XYL'S. We are organizing a XYL group. All hams please encourage your wives to join us. (Ed. See notice page 2.)

Hallcrafters have come out with a complete 2 meter AM rig that sells for \$59.95. The same company has complete 6 meter AM outfit for the same price.

W9SWR, Frank Kamplain has a new SX100 and very soon will have a couple of newtransmitters-namely a HT 30 and HT 31.

Clair Gould, W9AQQ will soon be back on 6 and 10 meters. He promises to be more active than he has in the past.

W9NFL, Curly Smock has his Technicians license. His xyl, Ann WN9RYC is temporarily off the air while expecting the arrival of a new harmonic.

W9NCN, Wally Martin received a general ticket. Still works mostly 40 CW.

WN9ADJ, Ches Crump took exam for general ticket last month. In the meantime he has put up a 2 element 15 meter beam and has had good luck working DX.

Lake County Amateur Radio Club held their third annual banquet this month. Their guest speaker was Commander Fred Schnell, W9UZ. Two hundred and seventy five attended a very successful ham doings.

HEARD ON THE BANDS

by

FRANK M. FITCH

W9RUC, Noble Watson has just taken over the operation of "CQ" motel in Kokomo, Ind.

Among recent local hams who have taken FCC exams are Frank. "Pete" Black, WN9MNA who has taken his technicians and Frances Rufner (the wife whose husband sends code to her on a diesel whistle) W9OSH who just got her general. Franc.'s OM, W9OSG, Mark bought her a new microphone for getting her ticket.

Young "Skip" Proctor KN9ASL under the tutelage of W9SWD is heard on the novice bands these days.

Don McFarling, W9AWN is expecting a new Collins Kilowatt soon.

An interesting ham in these parts heard on 75 mobile almost daily is Ed Dunkin, W9MWY. In addition to working at WIBC he goes to Purdue extension and is a teacher of radio technique at Jardon College.

WANTED

More club members wanted to join and take an active part in activities of the club, ham radio, RACES, Field Day, etc. Ask for an application.

VHF ACTIVITIES

by

D. J. McVicker

Hi. This a new venture for us, both VHF activity and writing. Sure hope the writing goes smoother than our attempt at VHF. That's been rough, but more about that another time.

We find a lot of fellows in and around Marion County working VHF. We know of several Technicians that are active on 50 MC along with several old-timers who are lending a hand. Among those heard recently are K9AMP, K9CBY, W9HPV. We are also advised that W9DSC, W9CKD, W9RRU, W9MAV, W9MHP, and W9JIY are also active on 6.

Of course we expect the projected RACES program in Indiana to increase the interest and activity on six meters as soon as that program is completed and approved. We expect to hear more about this from our BO W9SWD.

We don't intend neglecting 2 meters and the other VHF bands, although our interests, at present, are on 6. We hear of quite a bit of activity on 2. These to be heard regularly on this band are W9AWO, W9ATS, W9MHP, W9JIY, W9URT, W9IYI, W9HEX, W9YCP, W9NFL, W9BHW, and W9FVI.

We have also been reliably informed that our Chief Operator, W9FZW, John Jones is putting 2 and 6 meter equipment in operation. Good luck, John, and we hope to hear you soon.

The activities at our QTH have been limited to building and working the bugs out of 6 meter equipment but we are hoping to be on the air by the time Amachewer reaches you.

To ex WN9MNA, we hope to hear the results of your Technician exam and that you can be listed in this column as an active operator on 6.

Now, any of you hams that are active in VHF operation and have not been mentioned this time we want to know about your activities. How did you solve your problems in getting in VHF activity, what has been your VHF DX, if any, or how many rag-chews have you had this week? Let's show the fellows on low frequency that VHF operation and activity is as satisfying as part of the hobby as their operation is.

AREC and RACES

by

C. M. Singer, E. C. M rlen Co.

The registration of members into the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps is being urged by your EC.

Many times in the past AREC members have been called in to handle emergency radio communications and did so with the result of national recognition for a job done well. The achievement did not come about by accident. Many hours of handling traffic, learning procedures and operating practices provided the training for efficiency in an emergency. Also a large membership with a complete list of operators and equipment helps the organizing of emergency teams, if and when the need may be present.

The Indiana State Races plan has been drawn up and now is in the process of being approved by the FCDA and FCC. When it is approved, the AREC members will be contacted to provide a means of emergency communications for civilian defense in the time of local or national disaster.

At present the following are AREC members: W9EIV, W9FZW, W9JMD, W9TKV, W9BUQ, W9ZSA, W9HUB, W9EJW, K9BKA, W9SUN, W9YJL, W9JJC, W9AWN,

Interest out here is varied between the usual DX CW fone etc. There are three on XYL teams and one father and son licensed. In future issues of Amachewer we will print news of this group and we want to encourage all amateurs in Hancock Co. to contact Howard Grubbs, W9DZC, R 3 Box 75, Greenfield or Ron Williams, W9JVF, R 4 Box 151, Greenfield with news. Better yet meet us on the air. 1815 KC's 10:30 AM Sunday mornings or 21300 KC's at 9:00 PM Sunday night.

RETIRING EDITORS COMMENT

(Maybe you should read
no further)

First off with this issue we are trying something ye ed rebelled against, that of offering news of groups who are not actually members of the club. It was the thought of those meeting to discuss the matter though that the use of the paper by all the various organizations would result in more interest in ham radio, enable Amachewer to be more widely read by being mailed to more people, hams, in this area and hence be of more interest to advertisers who will spend their advertising dollar when they know it will reach a lot of interested people. For that reason you are asked to write up your news and doings, send it into ye ed for publication. All copies received up until Sunday were included in this issue. Those not sending in copy, The West Side Club, Mobile Club, Single Sidebanders, etc., get your editor named (I should say reporter in that case) so that copy may be ready for the next issue of Amachewer. Let's give it a real good try, that way your doings may reach your group and all will benefit.

Your interest in Amateur Radio is your invitation to join the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. If you have been putting it off for a long time, why not now make it a point to fill out an application blank and get active in the club.

Dayton Hamvention April 14th, 1956.

Dues for 1956 due now and payable to the treasurer.

Auction being planned soon, or a swap night. Watch Amachewer for dope.

Field Day coming up, let's prepare now for it and back John Jones, W9FZW 100 % in making it a really big operation this year.

Club building fund now on deposit in Union Federal Sav. and Loan where it will draw interest.

Edgar Bauers, winner of Simpson VOM donated at the oldtimers night by Graham Electronics.

Myron McKee, W9ARK -MK received oldest active ham award at Old Timers night.

That's all for the notes amassed the past month, hope that you have enjoyed being with ye editor the past 15 years and he has promised to keep helping in the future. Please, please, won't you help the new editor so that he won't get tired of it all, get those items in on time, write up your doings and send it to him. I'll bet the XYL's get the OM urged into action (and help a lot) when they get going. How about it Ladies, C U at Club. 73's.

YeEd.

W9UQV, W9ATS, W9MEJ, W9UQW, W9MHP, and W9SMN.

This is far too few for Marion County. We are a critical target county and our county is the Area Control Center. Indianapolis is the State Control Center. We need many, many more AREC members. Won't you fill out the registration form you received from ARRL and mail to me. If you do not have a form, we will provide one for the asking.

C. M. Singer W9SWD EC Marion Co.
RR #11 Box 185,
Indianapolis, Ind.

WEARC K9AVO

by
J. L. Bueck

At the March meeting of WEARC (Western Electric Amateur Radio Club) which will be held at the home of H. Holland, W9DMU, 6129 N. Dearborn, W. H. Bauer, K2KQY will be the guest speaker. Mr. Bauer, who is with the Bell Telephone Laboratories here in Indianapolis will talk on the Morris Radio Club activities in New Jersey. He will also have a 2 meter transmitter, which is under construction, for display. His talk will include 2 and 6 meter work as applied to Civil Defense work in New Jersey.

The WEARC Field Day site for 1956 will be at the QTH of C. M. Singer.

For the April meeting we have Mr. W. Lalcomb of Western Electric Co. scheduled to give a talk on receiver alignment. He will line up a receiver at this meeting.

HEARD ON 3910

by
Ron Williams

Indianapolis Area hams reporting into IFN are W9's SWD, TQC, ZTN, RUC, BJW, ZKX, VNV, STC, and JVF.

During a recent QSO between W9SWD and W9EQO (SVL operating) the marriage ceremony of Betty Zimmerman KN9DOA and Myron Demaree was transmitted via ham Radio. The parents of the bride are Henry Zimmerman, W9EQO, and Thelma Zimmerman W9JYO of Noblesville. Mr. and Mrs. Demaree now reside in Indianapolis. This transmission was copied all over Indiana and hams for many miles around called in to offer congratulations to the newlyweds.

HANDCOCK COUNTY AMATEURS

by
Ron Williams

Amateur radio has been growing in Hancock county along with the rest of the world. Before WW II there were only 1 or 2 hams in this area and at present we know of 25 calls and possibly more. In Greenfield we have: W9ZTW, Bill Potter; K9CCI, Foy Stiles; W9UIQ, Ralph Curtice; W9POV, Ed Gruber; W9ATG, Phil Macyl KN9BRF, Wayne Taylor; KN9BPD, Betty Lou Taylor. On Greedfield Rural Routes: W9DZC, Howard Grubbs (3 miles East of Greedfield); W9YSQ, Harry Franke; W9YSX, Manfred (Skip) Franke, Spring Lake; W9JVF, Ron Williams; W9PBT, Mildred Williams, 1.5 Mi. E of Cumberland. New Palestine: W9MNQ, Elmer Brickman; W9HLE, Ray Thie; W9UUV, John Ricenl S9SMM, Martha Ticen; W9QPF, Bill Chipp. Fortville: W9ZTC, John P. Jamesl W9WHM, John Leary, WN9TEI, Donald Coans; K9AIQ, Robert Davisl W9EOD, Marshall Colel W9ICL, Charles Call. McCordsville: K9CCH, John Steele.